

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A breaking and splitting structure of a connecting rod has a large end having a crank pin bore including a surface-hardened surface. The large end is broken and split into a rod section and a cap section, and the rod and cap sections are coupled with fastening bolts, with their broken and split surfaces engaged and aligned with each other. A breakage-starting portion extends in the axial direction of the crank pin bore and is formed in an inside circumferential surface of the crank pin bore of the large end. An axial length of the breakage-starting portion is smaller than the axial length of the inside circumferential surface.